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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/344,323
Filing Date	24 June 1999
First Named Inventor	R. G. Hartmann
Art Unit	2142
Examiner Name	H. V. Nguyen
Attorney Docket No.	END919980070US1

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR \$1.114
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted
    - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR \$1.116 filed on 6 June 2003.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*\*\*\*\*.
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☐ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iv. ☐ Other
2. MISCELLANEOUS
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR \$1/103(c) for a period of \*\* months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR \$1.17(i) required).
  - b. ☐ Other: Applicants attorney requests an in-person interview with the Examiner.
3. FEES
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR \$1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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